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SUBJ: AFRICAN SWINE FEVER COURSE

REF: STATE 189204

1. LACK OF SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR CUBAN GOVERNMENT TO COORDINATE CHOICE OF COURSE ATTENDEES, ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND SECURE EXIT PERMISSION AND US VISAS. WE, THEREFORE, WILL NOT APPROACH CUBAN AUTHORITIES AT THIS TIME.

2. AFRICAN SWINE FEVER COURSE WOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO CUBANS, GIVEN THEIR GROWING SWINE POPULATION. IF COURSE PRODUCES ANY WRITTEN MATERIAL, WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS MATERIAL BE POUCHED TO US FOR TRANSMITTAL TO CUBAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. IF COURSE IS REPEATED, WE BELIEVE THAT INVITATION SHOULD ALSO BE PASSED, WITH AMPLE LEAD TIME, TO CUBANS.

3. COMMENT: AFRICAN SWINE FEVER HAS POLITICAL OVERTONES HERE, GIVEN CUBAN BELIEF THAT CIA DISSEMINATED THIS OR SIMILAR SWINE DISEASE IN CUBA PREVIOUSLY. CASTRO AGAIN IN HIS JULY 26 SPEECH REFERRED TO "PLAGUES" USED BY USG AGAINST CUBA. INVITATION TO ATTEND COURSE, OR TRANSMITTAL OF COURSE MATERIALS, WOULD PRESUMABLY COUNTERACT SENSE THAT US CONTINUES TO USE SUCH METHODS AGAINST CUBA. NOTE THAT PLUM ISLAND DISEASE CENTER
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REPRESENTATIVES RECENTLY FINISHED GIVING COURSE IN CUBA UNDER AUSPICES OF PAN-AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION (STATE 139744).
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